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28 January 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Latin America Division, DD/O
THROUGH : Chairman, Fine Arts Commission
SUBJECT : Inscription on Nathan Hale Statue

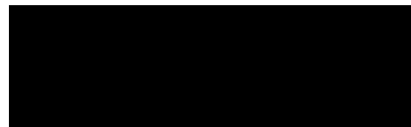
1. Reference is made to your recent inquiry concerning the status of your 4 April 1974 suggestion that a quotation be engraved on the pedestal of the Nathan Hale statue.

2. This is to advise that the Director of Central Intelligence forwarded the proposal to Mr. Harold L. Brownman, then DD/M&S, expressed the view that it was a fine idea, and he inquired as to whether it was feasible. The suggestion was referred to both the Fine Arts Commission and the Office of Logistics. Whereas the project was technically feasible from a logistics standpoint, the Fine Arts Commission had a mixed reaction, with several members feeling that we were overdoing the whole concept of the statue, and belaboring the obvious. The Chairman, Fine Arts Commission then asked about the possibility of having a greenish patina applied, at a cost of \$500.00.

3. By memorandum, dated 14 May 1974, the Deputy Director for Management and Services pointed out that the statue was gaining widespread acceptance, after a stormy beginning, and he recommended to the Director that we sit tight for a year, both in terms of an inscription and the application of a greenish patina. The Director gave his "OK" to this proposal.

4. Our records fail to reflect that you were advised of the May 1974 decision. This was an inadvertent oversight, and we regret that you were not kept informed.

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Executive Officer
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